



RUSA Assembly Agenda October 15th, 2020

7:30 PM @ [Zoom](#) (password: "RUSA")

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda and Agreeal to Record
- 3.
4. Officer Updates
5. Office Hours Presentation | *Javier Perez and Brian Dan-Ding*
6. Legislation
 - a. Bill to Designate Fall Retreat
 - b. COVID-19 Fall 2020 Club Budget Update Bill
7. Public Sector
8. Adjournment
- 9.



RUSA Bill F20-04

Author: Jason Yu, *Internal Affairs Secretary*; Grace Daniel, *Internal Affairs Chair*

Sponsor: Executive Committee

Bill to Designate RUSA Fall Retreat

Whereas, it is the duty of the Assembly to have training sessions under the old Standing Rules, Art. VI, Sect. 2,

Whereas, the Secretary has given ample notice to the Assembly of their responsibility to attend the Fall Retreat,

Whereas, the Fall Retreat will be held virtually from Friday, October 16th to Sunday, October 18th,

Whereas, the Fall Retreat will be using previously allocated funds from the 2020-2021 RUSA Operating Budget so no additional funds need to be allocated to the program,

Be it hereby resolved, that the Fall 2020 RUSA retreat, as organized by members of the Executive Board for the weekend of October 16th through 18th, is recognized as fulfilling the necessary training requirements put in the Standing Rules;

Be it further resolved, the Internal Affairs Committee adopts the following absence policy for 2020 RUSA Fall Retreat:

1. Members may be absent for less than the full duration of one (1) training session without accruing an absence.

2. A half an absence will be counted if members are absent for an accumulation one (1) to three (3) of the training sessions
3. A full absence towards fall absences if absent for more than the full accumulation more than three (3) training sessions

Be it further resolved, the Secretary is hereby directed to use a form through which members may request that their absence be excused with such responses being sent to the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee; and

Be it further resolved, that Internal Affairs Committee recommends recording vital presentations that members unable to attend shall view the presentations at their leisure; and

Be it further resolved, for the 2020 Fall Retreat, [Bill F19-07](#) will not be in effect, and Internal Affairs shall have jurisdiction to grant absences for this year's retreat.



RUSA Bill F20-05

Author: Hira Hussain, *RUSA Treasurer*

Sponsors: Executive Committee, Allocation Board

Bill to Approve Fall 2020 COVID-19 Updated Club Allocation

Whereas, on July 6, 2020 Rutgers University announced remote learning for the Fall 2020 semester due to the dangers of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, the RUSA Allocations Board is responsible for the allocation of funds to registered Rutgers University Student Organizations as well as various registered events on an as needed basis; with a goal to promote and support diversity of programming made available to all Rutgers through the fair and efficient use of the student activity fee;

Whereas, the Allocations Fall 2020 Budget was approved by the Assembly in RUSA Bill S20 - 10;¹

Whereas, student organizations must comply with the university policy to operate remotely and cannot proceed in the Fall 2020 semester with official in-person events, meetings, or programs;

Whereas, from August 25th, 2020 to September 15th, 2020, RUSA Allocations opened and advertised a GetInvolved Form called "Fall 2020 COVID-19 Budget Update Form - RUSA Allocations Board Funded Organizations" for all clubs to disclose their updated spending plans for the Fall 2020 semester giving the remote status;

Whereas, in the GetInvolved Form clubs could report if/how they were planning on changing their Allocations funded Program 1 and Program 2, their new requested amount, and details on how they plan to use the new requested amount;

¹ RUSA Bill [S20-10](#)

Whereas, the RUSA Recovery Fund was created to financially assist students affected by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, and any Rutgers University undergraduate student can and is encouraged to apply for grant money from the RUSA Recovery Fund if in need;

Whereas, it is important RUSA continues to support its constituents;

Whereas, the GetInvolved Form explicitly stated that any Allocations funding taken back from student organizations in this process would be reallocated to the RUSA Recovery Fund;

Whereas, RUSA Allocations reviewed and revised the Fall 2020 Programming budgets of 200 clubs who completed the form;

Be it hereby enacted that RUSA approves that RUSA Allocations will take back **\$243,877.01** collectively from the organizations listed below (and posted on the RUSA Allocations website) and all funds taken back will be contributed to the RUSA Recovery Fund.

Be it further enacted that given the ample amount of time student organizations had to complete the GetInvolved Fall 2020 COVID-19 Budget Update Form, any RUSA Allocations funded student organization that did not complete the Form will have all Programming funding taken back and contributed to the RUSA Recovery Fund, and are encouraged to file for appeals to request money if their organization is in need of funds.

Be it further enacted that at this time RUSA Allocations will not take back funds allocated to clubs' Organization Maintenance, as this funding is allocated for the entire school year.

